Fitting Tributes Paid to Noble Woman's Life

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BISHOP F. S. TINGEY.

Brethren and Sisters-Being the theop of the ward in which Sister Bathsheba lived, I have been requested Bathsheba lived, I have been requested to say just a few words on this occasion, and I assure you that I feel it not only a pleasure but an honor to be remitted to raise my voice in praise of such a noble woman. I have known Aunt Bathsheba since my childhood days. She has lived in our ward during all of that time, and my earliest recollections of her are of a sweet, loving spirit, one who was always ready and willing to give a cheering word, to help in whatever way she might be deand willing to give a cheering word, to help in whatever way she might be de-sired, and constantly working for the upbuilding of mankind.

When I first knew her she was a

When I first knew her she was a member of the Relief Society—a very active member—and she did a great work therein. Later on, she became president of the Relief society of the Seventeenth ward, and in that position won the honor, the love and respect of all the members of the Relief society as also the members of our ward. Her heart always went out to the poor and the needy. She was always thinking of those who were in distress, and her every effort and desire seemed to be to benefit some one who needed help. I am sure if those who were associated am sure if these who were associated am sure if those who were associated with her, in the Rellef society work, could speak this afternoon, they would all bear testimony of her great worth and the great energy and love which she displayed for all with whom she worker r mingled.

CHARITABLE DEEDS.

I have listened, many times, to her relating her experiences in the early days, back in Nauvoo, during the times when the Church was harassed on all sides; and have heard her bear testi-mony, many times, to the divinity of the mission of the Prophet Joseph smith and of the worthiness of that great man. Her heart has always seemed full of praise and glory for the servants of the Lord. Her integrity could not be questioned, because she was always faithful and true. She was faithful in financial matters. She was always a strict tithe-payer; remembered the poor and the needy, and bered the poor and the necty, and helped in every way she could for the briefit of her ward and the people gen-erally. She has raised a good and a large family, many of whom have been members of our ward, and all of them have been a great credit to her; and they, in turn, have cause to love and honor their mother and their grandmother and their relative. Many of her relatives are still living in our ward, and all of them are an honor and cred-it to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Were I to speak for hours. I could not Were I to speak for hours, I could not, probably, tell all of the good things pertaining to Aunt Bathsheba; but I would like to say, in behalf of the hishopric and the Saints of the Seventeenth ward, that they all have had love and respect for her, and her memory will ever remain with us. We shall always cherish her instructions and her kindness to us

May the Spirit of the Lord be with her children and her grandchildren and all of her relatives. May they all emulate her grand and beautiful example that when they are called hence they may have the privilege of again being reunited with her in the celestial king-dom. May the Lord bless us, one and all, I ask it through Jesus Christ,

MRS. EMMELINE B WELLS.

My beloved brethren and sisters-I pray that the Lord will help me, that I may be able to make some of you, at least, hear; and I ask for the fath and prayers of all who are present, that I may be able to say those things that are pleasing in the sight of the Lord.

I feel it a very great honor to be alled to speak on this occasion, and I thank those who thought of me, because I feel it a great privilege. I have known Sister Smith more than 65 years; and when one considers the an, whose life has been full of the woman, whose life has been full of the way most stirring things, all the way through, from the days of Missouri until she laid down her body, recently, it is impossible to tell which of them is of the most consequence, or what one should offer to a large congregation like this.

We know that she is gone, and al-though we do not exactly mourn for her—because we know the emerator gates of paradise were opened for her—yet we cannot help, now and then, shedding tears, and the great sobscome in our throats when we think of all that has transpired and that we shall see that the state of the shall see that t shall not be with her again, perhaps for a long time, some of us. We do not know how soon we may be called; not know how soon we may be called; but we feel sure that this is not a fun-eral, where she is, but more a bridal gathering, that she has joined gamering, that she has joined her husband and son, the Prophet Joseph and the Patriarch Hyrum, and all those grand and noble men. I know they are with her; many of them, at least. O! it must be wonderful. When those gates were opened, and she was clasped in the arms of her husband—O! it was wonderful! We can scarcely made a start he Of it was wonderful! We can scarcely imagine what it would be, after the long separation. We know how she loved him, and yet she was willing to stay, when he bade her to do so. She was anxious to go, but he said, "Stay and bear testimony of Joseph;", and this she has done till the very last day. Her magnificant work in the term ons she has done till the very last day, Her magnificent work in the tem-ples of the Lord should be consider-ed with Sister Smith. No woman in this generation has served so long in the temples of the mis generation has served so long in the temples of the Lord, as has Sister Rathsheba Smith. She was also present with the Relief society on that memorable occasion when a few women—Just 18 in number—met together with the Prophet Joseph and President Taylor—Elder John Taylor he was then—and Elder Willard Richards, and that organization of the Relief society was effected, when such a thing was not known in all the world. There isn't anything known' of any organization of women previous to that time. She was, perhaps the youngest member of that first organization. Undoubtedly she was; although we do plt know all their ages, yet we fancy she was, and she herself thought so. the temples of the Lord, as has Sister RELIEF SOCIETY GROWTH.

She has lived to see that Relief so She has lived to see that Relief so-clety grow from the 13 members until there are about 40,000, and her name is known all over the world, in the Church, and in many places and by many people outside of the Church and Kingdom of God. She belongs to that great galaxy of women who in the early days of the Church labored with Joseph and Hyrum and Mother smith, and those who were then con-nected with the early days—the great galaxy of noble women that I seem to see before me in vision as I stand here —many of them, most of them that I

Eliza R. Snow, Mother Whitney, Sister Sarah M. Cleveland, Vilate Kimball, Mary Ann Young, Mary Isabella Horne, Elizabeth Howard, Eliza Partridge Lyman, Zina D. H. Young, Emily Partridge Young, If I should stand here and repeat their names, I know there are hundreds who labored, and worked, and tolled. Not only that, but they lived the principles of the gospel. They laid everything on the altar of their faith. They entered into holy covenants with their husbands. and they were true and faithful. They esteemed it not a sacrifice but a bless-ing. They made no reserve; they laid their all upon the altar. Are not such women worthy to be remembered

HONORED THE PRIESTHOOD.

I thank our heavenly Father that we have lived to see this great day—great because the kingdom is greater; every organization is greater; every organization, I believe, is more perfect at the present time than ever before. The holy priesthood, which this good woman honored, and which we should honor and teach our children to honor is in more perfect condition, as I believe, than ever before since the Church began; and this is the greatest day. Although we haven't the Prophet Joseph with us, or those who followcd him, whose names we revere and cherish in our heart of hearts, we have with us one raised up of the Lord to lead the people in this time, the prophet, seer, and revelator whom we sustain in our prayers, in our everymes and conferences and meetwe sustain in our prayers, in our quorums, and conferences, and meetings, day after day, the prophet, seer, and revelator Joseph F. Smith, and those who are about him who hold the holy priesthood. It seems to me that our young people have greater advantages, greater blessings than we ever enjoyed before; and 1 am sure that our beloved president and leader, the president high-priestess in the the presiding high-priestess in the temple of the Lord, felt the high duty in regard to this work. We were agreed on these things, and we want the young of Zion to be as true to their integrity as those women who preceded her and as she who has laid her body down. We thank the Lord not only for the good and great men, the prophets, seers, and revelators, but we thank the Lord for the great and good women who have lived in this dispenwomen who have lived in this dispensation and who have worked side by side with those who lead and guide Israel, and with their husbands, and were willing that their husbands should go and preach the gospel to the nations of the earth while they stayed at home and did what was necessary for them. TRIBUTE TO LIVING.

I regret that in mentioning some of the names of the long galaxy of those who are gone, I forgot some who are living, I would like to mention Sister Jane S. Richards-faithful and truewho was not well enough to be here today; Sister Lucy Kimball; Sister Mary E. Lightner, who is a long way from here, in Beaver. These faithful women should be remembered. would recall many more, but there

would recall many more, but there isn't time.

I pray the Lord to help us to live to be as faithful as this good women, that we may go where she has gone, that we may be joined with her in friendship, in companionship, and in the ties of closest fellowship, as we were here, all of us who were associated with her. Lask our heavenly Father to blass her. I ask our heavenly Father to bless all the family of President George A. Smith. They are blest; they are won-derfully blest. May the Lord continue to bless them all. May he bless Sister Susan Smith, the wife who is still living, and all who are connected with the family, sons and daughters, and every one. I rejoiced in my heart and soul when Brother John Henry Smith one of the Eirst presidency of the Church I prayed to the Lord of the Church. I prayed to the Lord for him. When I first went to Nauvoo, almost the first people I knew were the Smiths: Mother Smith, Father John Smith, the patriarch, Brother George A. Smith, and Bathsheba— saw her with a babe in saw her with a babe in her arms, who became the woman who has taken care of her through her long Illness. I remember the picture as well as if it were today—the babe she loved flowers, tended them, watered them, cultivated them. O! how glad she would be to see that we have such beautiful flowers here.

I pray the Lord to bless us all, in the name of Jesus, Amen.

PRESIDENT NEPHI L. MORRIS.

It is a very tender office we have met together to perform this afternoon in laying in her last resting place our esteemed and revered sister.

During the early part of my life I knew Aunt Bathsheba by reputation only. Her name was a household word imong the members of the Church. During the last few years I have be come personally acquainted with her. So little have I had to do with her, however, that I feel I hardly deserve the honor shown me in permitting me the honor shown me in permitting me to say a word in these services. Most of us here have known her throughout all our lives. Many whose hair is, perhaps, as white as was hers, are assembled here today, who have known her throughout their entire lives. She has been with us so long that she has grown very dear to us. We shall moura her departure even though we are filled with the consciousness that she has filled the full measure of her noble and beautiful existence here upon earth. beautiful existence here upon earth Though we have no regrets with re-spect to her life and her life's work we shall naturally feel that sorrow which comes of love and the separation which must come with death, the severing of these earthly ties which have grown to sacred and dear to us.

A NOBLE LIFE. Aunt Bathsheba has become a pub-ic character in one sense, yet I cannot, the character in one sense, yet I cannot, with any degree of ease, associate that word "public" with her. She was a character in whom there was nothing of ostentation, and yet she was not devoid of the qualities of leadership, for they have been very befittingly placed upon her, and she bore them with grace and dignity, as a leader among the gentler sex—but rather as a mother than a leader, perhaps, because she the gentler sex—but rather as a mother than a leader, perhaps, because she possessed those highest qualities which make for the apotheosis of woman.

Aunt Bathsheba has been associated with that movement which meant the enlargement of woman's sphere in the legitimate activities of this life. We legitimate activities of this life. We hold the name "mother" as the most sacred known to mankind, and well have the descendants of this noble woman engraved upon her casket that sacred name. We believe that woman, in her most exalted calling, is mother and eternal companion unto man. They together shall enjoy, if they live the proper life, an eternal and happy companionship with those whom God has given them in this life. In order to attain the highest calling, with honor many of them, most of them that I knew; Mother Smith, Emma, Smith, las made it possible in his providence,

must be a mother. Aunt Bathsheba shall be held as a princess in Israel, and a mother whose descendants shall stanj upon the earth from generation to upon the earth from generation to generation, and pronounce her name with reverence and love. In addition to this, she has been conspicuously as-sociated with this great organization known as the Relief society, the organization of which the Prophet Joseph Smith said was the turning of the key to woman. What wonderful opportuni-ties have been given to woman in the 80 years which measure the life of 80 years which measure the life of our departed friend. Even the franchise has been given to her in this country. Co-education has become more or less common, and the restrictions which belong to darker days than these have been removed, and woman is given every opportunity that her talents and nature will permit. How great a boon has come to mankind in the enlargement of woman's subject. the enlargement of woman's sphere, that she might rise to the fit and fe-lictious companionship of man in all his noble enterprises. We naturally hold in reverence that institution which has been so beneficent with respect to woman and her sphere, for it has not in any sense detracted from those first duties which no true woman can neg-lect for anything in public life.

BEAUTIFUL TRAITS.

I should rather listen than be I's-tened to, this afternoon. I only wish to express my appreciation for the beautiful life which has been closed so far as this earth is concerned. Aunt Bathsheba always seemed to move in an atmosphere of peace and religious tranquility. Perhaps it was the idea which we have all had of her that made me reverence her, that made me feel that there was something almost sacred in her presence. Now she has gone to her rest, a rest which she has well earned; and it shall be so sweet to

her to enjoy relief from bodily all-ments and fatigue.

May God's peace be upon her de-scendants, and may we all be preserved in those principles to which she was so true and stanch, is my prayer in Jesus

PRESIDENT ANTHON H. LUND.

A mother in Israel has left us. Brother Nephi Morris so beautifully said. She was indeed a mother, not only to her own but to all Israel. She only to her own but to all Israel. She has lived a long and beautiful life—88 years in this earthly mission. She was born in West Virginia. As a child she had a religious and prayerful bent of mind. At 15 she heard, for the first time, the clders of our Church preach the gospel. She believed; so did her folk; and when they could make arrangements they left their home and went up to Missouri. A few days before arriving in Far West, they were overtaken by another company of Saints going up to Missouri, but in crossing the river, with a ferry, they Saints going up to Missourl, but in crossing the river, with a ferry, they were separated. That company went to Haun's Mill, and you well know the dreadful fate that awaited them there, when a cruel mob killed nearly a score of them. Sister Smith and her family went to Far West. She witnessed the scenes of persecution there, and went with the Saints in their exedus from Missouri to Illinois. She saw the settling of Nauvoo. There she became acquainted with George A. Smith, then the youngest apostle in the quorum, and she married him. This made her intimate with the prophet's family.

intimate with the prophet's family. In looking upon her life, we feel that she has lived the life of a Saint—never wavering. She has tasted adversity and passed through persecution, and she has also seen prosperity; but whether in the days of adversity or in the days of prosperity, we always find her the same. She was not depressed; there was sunshine in her heart. Her faith was built on the rock of ages; it never was shaken. It held her up under trials, gave her strength in the hour of temptation, helped her to do and perform the many acts so well known to us, forming a chain of good works. Forty-five years ago I became acquainted with John Henry Smith, and a friendship sprang up that has grown in strength with our years since then. He took me to his father's home, the present historian's office, and there I saw, for the first time, Sister Bathsheba Smith, and I learned to admire her noble qualities. I remember when she found out that I was going to leave the city, because my funds were getting low, she offered me board at her BOUNDLESS FAITH.

she found out that I was going to leave the city, because my funds were get-ting low, she offered me board at her home so that I could continue my stud-ies. I felt to thank her sincerely for the unselfish offer, but did not feel that I could accept it, and hence de-clined it. I remember with gratitude the kindness of her heart to me and which, as we have heard here, she has shown on so many occasions. She was a woman who was what she pretended to be: a Latter-day Saint—honorable in her every-day life, meek and humble, placed in high positions but never felt placed in high positions but never felt proud of it. She never felt above her brethren and sisters. I remember on one occasion passing the old tithing office. In those days there was not much money in circulation. Exchange was made by barter, and those who worked for the Church received their pay in the products that were paid into the tithing office, Merchandise, meat, butter and such articles were scarce, and when they did come into the office, there was often a rush for them. On there was often a rush for them. Of the occasion I allude to, I saw Bath sheba Smith standing at the foot of the stairs, waiting patiently for her turn. Her husband was the historian of the Church and one of the First presidency, and I thought that some consideration might have been shown to his wife; but the distribution was the same to all. She did not try to push her way through the crowd, but waited for her turn to come, which shows another admirable trait in the character of this lovely woman. heba Smith standing at the foot of the

lovely woman. KNEW THE PROPHET.

As you have heard here, in reference to the Relief society, she formed a link between the early days of the Church, the first organization of the Relief society, and the present. I suppose she was the only living member of that group of faithful women who formed the first organization of the soof that group of intuition of the so-formed the first organization of the so-city; and how fitting it was that she was made the president of that society! the state of the state of the society was organized, and hence for one to have been a member of it, at the beginning, she would be nearly up to the 90's. Now that Sister Bathsheba Smith has left us, I believe there is not any of those women left who were present at the that Sister Bathsneas Sinti has to, I believe there is not any of those women left who were present at the organization of the society. She has been a noble representative of those that were first chosen members of this society which has done so much good in all the stakes of Zion and also in the missions abroad. We honor her for what she has done in the Relief society. She was one of the few living—and I do not know if there is anyone living—of those that received their endowments in Nauvoo, and I have heard her testify that the ordinances, the endowments, and the doctrines taught therein are just the same now as they were when they were taught to the twelve and the Saints in Nauvoo, Others have testified to this, and I have were when they were taught to the twelve and the Saints in Nauvoo. Others have testified to this, and I have myself heard Sister Bathsheba say that the endowments were exactly the same. We like to remember this testimony of hers. She had an opportunity of meeting the prophet and his family in their home. She loved to tell her experiences in Nauvoo and to relate incidents from the home life of the prophet. It has done my heart good to listen to her. It corroborates the saying that those who knew him the best loved him the most. I know that she has often related to her sisters the choice things which she heard from the prophet and the brethren in their conversation; and the sisters have treasured them up as precious gens. Sister Bathsheba Smith has indeed been a mother in Israel. May her memory be cherished by us all. I believe it can be truthfully said of her, as Paul wrote about himself, that she has fought a good fight, finished her course, kept the faith; and there awaits her a crown of righteous-

ness. While reading her biography the other day, I was impressed by a few words that a child had said: "When I look upon Sister Bathsheba Smith, I don't think of the bonnet she wears, but it seems to me that I can see the crown which she will wear." So we felt when we looked upon Sister Smith. There was a sacredness about her, and we felt that she was indeed a woman of God.

May the Lord bless those who are related to her-her daughter, her may the Lord bless that are related to her—her daughter, her granddaughters and grandsons, her children—that they may keep her memory green and emulate her virtues and her good example; and may the Lord bless us all. Amen.

ELDER JOSEPH E. TAYLOR.

It appears to me, my brethren and sisters, that sufficient ground has already been covered in the many beautiful sentiments and the well-carned eulogies that have been pronounced upon our esteemed sister whose body lies in the casket before us. But there are thoughts and suggestions that come to our minds, and it is profitable sometimes to give expression to them, a few of which I will present to you in a very abbreviated form, so as not to detain you the formers.

abbreviated form, so as not to detain you this afternoon.

Upon occasions of this kind we become reminiscent in thought and, consequently, reminiscent in expression of our thoughts. When our friends pass away, we involuntarily, without effort, or intuitively, I might say, commence to look back and sean their lives; and a there comes to us remembrances of to look back and sean their lives; and as there comes to us remembrances of goodness, of virtue, of integrity, of honor, of purity, and, in fact, every grace that is appreciable, we feel a degree of satisfaction and pleasure in that retrospect. I might say, by the way, it is sometimes the case that in viewing the lives, character and conduct of some that we have known, we feel that there is a dark spot in their lives, and then we cast around to look on the other side and see if there is not enough of goodness that will outweigh if not altogether, at least measnot enough of goodness that will out-weigh if not altogether, at least measurably, obliterate that darkness. I might be considered somewhat deflant in making this remark. That there is not a person living upon the earth to-day who can place a finger upon one dark spot in this good woman's life and character. That is the testimony that I bear from a true consciousness and conviction, and some experience with this good woman, of its truth. She may have had a few frailties pertaining to human nature, and she may, at times, have exhibited some little of the weaknesses of this flesh, but her body times, have exhibited some little of the weaknesses of this flesh, but her body goes down to the grave, and to that body belongs those weaknesses, and not to her spirit, for it was pure before God. The grave possesses within itself the elements to purify and cleanse the constituent properties of that tabernacle from those weaknesses, and it will come up in the morning of the resurrection, worthy through the cleansing process through which it will pass, to be united with the pure spirit that dwelt in the tabernacle and made her life a shining light to all those who were acquainted with her and mingled with her.

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Some portions of her history have been written, and I was thinking what a beautiful ending, in comparison with the beginning of her experience in this Church. President Lund has referred to her coming to Far West with her father, mother, and family. Think of what occurred then! Almost immediately upon her arrival there, in the house of Stephen Winchester, she was a witness to the last gasps of the dying apostle. David W. Patton, the first apostle that laid his body down for the word of God and the testimony of Jesus, having received his death wound in contact with that mob who were guilty of such a massace as occurred upon that occasion. It is not pleasant to contemplate such scenes. But I will say this much, that the history of those herole women, and this woman among the rest, has not been written, and never will be written. There is not ability in the pen of the most gifted scribe who pencils down the statements made in regard to facts, to portray the exact conditions, and especially those, let me tell you, that accompanied the experience of many of our sisters as well as our brethren. well as our brethren.

RELIGIOUS HEROISM.

We can boast of heroes in this Church—heroes of the highest type. I want to say to you, and I say it in reference to the vast host of our valiant sisters now living as well as the thousands that have gone to the other side of the vale, Along side of the great heroes of the Church of Jesus Christ of Letter day Sanita will stand— Christ of Latter-day Saints will stand-and that worthily—heroines of the highest type, acknowledged by heaver and receiving heaven's recognition, and finally, the reward that belongs to such experiences, to such suffering, to such trials. Eighty-eight years old, 73 years trials. Eighty-eight years old, 73 years a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 69 years ago became the wife of Apostle George A. Smith, 34 years of that time a consistent, retlring, modest widow of that apostle. During that widowhood, largely, let me tell you, has grown up and come to us the esteem that we have heard today, and which we manifest by our presence if not our voices here. I wish to testify that she arrived at a point of feeling that very few men and women have reached: She has gone down to her grave without has gone down to her grave without one feeling of revenge in her heart towards those who were her enemies and at whose bands she suffered, and at whose hands many of her people met their death, prominent among whom their death, prominent among whom are our beloved prophet and patriarch. Thus arriving at that pinnacle that she could display the same spirit which Jesus exhibited and manifested in his last utterances: "Father, forsive them, for they know not what they do." She has gone down to her grave with that same identical feeling, without taking has gone down to her grave with that same identical feeling, without taking with her one soiltary feeling of revenge. Latter-day Saints, as well as Sister Bathsheba, can well afford to leave that vengeance in the hands of a just God; and, shall I say it here?—I think I can speak it, and it will be appreciated, though it may be called a very broad assertion: There is not on earth in any human being; there is not on earth in any community of human beings, in any nation of human beings—the element of atonement for those the element of atonement for those who at any time have dipped their hands in the blood of martyrs. The blood of righteous men never has been atoned for from the days of the faithful Abel to this day. This is verified in the vision John saw on the Isle of Patmos. There was a multitude of them, and they were on the altar, and they asked: "O Lord, how long wilt Thou not avenge our blood?" Here is the evidence that it had not been avenged, that pardon had not been granted. What is the answer? Wait a little longer; there are a few more the element of atonement for granted. What is the answer? Walt a little longer; there are a few more worthy ones yet to lose their lives at the hands of the cruel assassin. Walt till these are slain and the number filled entirely. Then the Lord will deal with them in his own way, and he will execute a vengeance, and let me tell you, such an one as is terrible to contemplate.

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Reference has been made to her position as president of the Relief societies in all the world. I could not help but draw the contrast that Sister Wells gave us. The number, 18, present at the organization of that Relief society in 1842, and the present number of 40,000. One thing of which I wish to testify concerning Sister Bathsheba Smith, in that connection: She has retained within herself and she has made manifest in all of her ministrations, among her sisters, no matter where she has been, the same spirit that was in the Prophet Joseph and the that was in the Prophet Joseph and the influence that came from him when he organized that body and also a few organized that body and also a few days afterwards, in giving them fur-ther instructions in regard to their duties. Plainness, simplicity, humility, love; and I hope—let me express it here—that with all the so-called advanced

feeted by it. There is another thing that I wanted to mention before I close, that I have noticed now for the last year or so. She has been rather feeble, and she has needed a little help; but that thoroughly independent spirit said to every one about her: "I am perfectly capable of going alone." She did not like to give up, not for a moment. But I have watched with a great deal of satisfaction, and I think she took, in her heart, a great deal of pride in seeing Sister Merrill, her daughter, following her where she went, waiting at the door, and just as faithful as ever a daughter could be. To Sister Merrill I just want to say that God will bless her for this. It did not make any difference what was said, or where Sister Smith was going.

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night after night she has stayed by
her and with her, and that faithfulness, to me, has been most beautiful.
In closing, I wish to say that Sister Smith has not only lived in years,
but Sister Smith has lived in deeds,
and I am sure that every one, as she
stood before the congregations, has stood before the congregations, stood before the congregations, has felt that sweet testimony and that sweet spirit, and has felt to thank our heavenly Father that they have come in contact with a woman so pure and true, so noble and good. This I thank my heavenly Father for above everything on earth; and I often wonder, when I see lives like hers, that God only placed this existence at that God only placed this existence at three score years and ten. I think to myself, while she has lived over that, why could not she have stayed with us as a living example for us to emulate for just twice that number of years. I am grateful, as I know you are, for the association of one second structure and pure. God bless you ail, is my prayer. Amen.

PREST. RICHARD W. YOUNG.

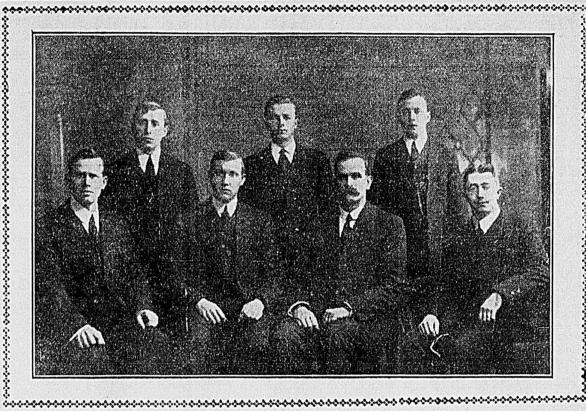
My brethren and sisters-Criticism been made against Church, of which our dear departed sister was so useful and so beloved a member, that it has overaccentuated the material affairs of life at the expense of the spiritual. But the Lat-ter-day Saints believe that the salvation of our eternal Father contem-plates not merely the happiness of his children hereafter but their hap-piness here. For that reason much has been said in our pulpits concerning and much has been done under the auspices of the gospel to effectuate the material welfare of the members of the Church. Perhaps this actuating sentiment of the gospel has never manifested liself more effectively, more beautifully and more com-mendably than in the great work of the Rellef societies of the Church. It has been urged, and with much truth, that with the exception of the German army, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is the most perfect organization upon the earth. same perfection of organization which marks and characterizes the priest-hood of the Church has been extended by strict analogy to the organization of its auxiliary associations including the Relief society. Thus have we had not merely pleasure, but the effective and timely aid of the minis-trations of an organization which, having a president and counselor presiding over its affairs throughout the world has had similar organizathe world, has had similar organiza-tions in the stakes and in the wards, and missions of the Church, and which, through these organizations and the teachers that have been laboring under the ward organiza-tions has extended its beneficent labors into every home of the Lat-ter-day Saints. By this organization, distress has been discovered and re-

listress has been discovered and lieved. We do not believe, as a peo-ple, in indiscriminate charity; we be-lieve that indiscriminate charity is very apt to be uneven and unjust charity. We believe in organized charity. We believe in giving such of our substance as we can bestow in charity, to the bishop and to the Re-lief societies, that through their ob-servations and research, baving ascerservations and research, having ascertained where the deserving poor are, all available charitable resources may be distributed to those who in modesty do not assert their needs, as well as those who are inclined to be more as-

sertive, and that thus even-handed charity may be dealt out to all.

This principle has received a practical application, chiefly, in the labors of the Relief organizations of the Church. The very fundamental and active conception and the actuating motive and power of that great or-ganization has been love and charity, the desire to relieve distress, the desire to nurse and to assist the sick, to show forth and manifest the chari-table sentiments of the people and to distribute the alms. And what more fitting than that a woman of Sister Bathsheba Smith's character and principle should preside over such an organization. It seems to me that love or charity, which, as Paul tells us, exceeds all the graces and manifestations of the human mind and the human heart, was the chief character of her beautiful and devoted life; yes it was altogether fitting that such woman should preside over such organization. It was impossible for me to come into her presence unless I felt radiating from her person, as heat from a furnace or light from a lamp, her love for mankind. It shone forth from her countenance and inspired her every word, her every thought. It truly and without flattering may be said of her that no one knew her but to love her, to honor her, to respect

I presume that I have been asked by the family to speak this afternoon not because of an intimate acquaintance-ship with Aunt Bathsheba—because I did not have that privilege—but be-cause of the fact that it was known to the members of the family that I had a very deep admiration for her personality and her character extending from my childhood days, when the George A. Smith family and the



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thought and the modern things which are introduced among us, that the Relief society in Zion will never fail to retain and exhibit the spirit that Joseph manifested at its organization. If that is retained, blessings will come, relief will come to those that are atflicted and to those who are in need.

Now Lide not want to prelong my Now, I do not want to prolong my remarks this afternoon, my brethren and sisters. From my knowledge of Sister Bathsheba Smith, I know that if she were present on this occasion she would say, "That is enough." I know of her nature—modest, retiring. That is enough; that is enough. She would claim that all she hus done has been done because she ought to repay, if possible, the Father for what ne has done for her. I understand that perfectly well. She has been highly honored—honored in her marriage with a man of God. Yes—George A. Smith, let me speak of him today. It is proper that he should be mentioned in this connection, being the husband of this woman, taking this woman to his bosom, as his bride, when he was 24 years old and she 19. That is enough: that is enough.

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I think of that good man. I recall what history tells which occurred in the Kirtland temple, at the time of its dedication, when Joseph told the brethren, "Rise and prophesy, and I will promise you in the name of the Lord that what you prophesy shall be brought to pass." Brother George A. Smith arose, in that congregation, and commenced to prophesy. What was the result? Like a rushing, mighty wind, and there was a halo of light upon the building. The people on the outside were attracted and were, running to know what in the world was the matter. Joseph testified that the room, the building, was full of ministering angels. This man was worthy to have the response of heaven to his prophecy that he uttered upon that occasion. This is one of the evidences to me that he was a man of God. We say, "Peace to the ashes" of an individual. What about the spirit of peace in reference to this good soul, Sister Bathsheba? Let your feelings and thoughts go out—feel the atmosphere of this large room. Is there one particle of the spirit and influence of death? No; it is not here. And what is the reason? The reason is, the gospel has liberated this good woman from its power and its influence. All that death could do was simply to snap asunder and cut the string that held the body and the spirit together, and be had to take his leave. But, I have been in places, scores of times, brethren and sisters, when death remained, and remained like a pall—full of sorrow, and sadness, and doubt. I have felt it; I could, as it were, cut it with a knife; I was in the midst of it; but in the congregations of our people, when we are paying our respects to our departed friends, there is I think of that good man. I recall

people, when we are paying our respects to our departed friends, there is no such condition.

Now, I say. Peace to her ashes. Now, I say, Peace to her a Above all things, may the bleathat have been invoked in these that have been invoked in these services be answered on the heads of those who remain. May the children of George A. Smith, God's servant, and his wife, Bathsheba W. Smith, and his other wife, their children and children's children to the latest generation, be found honoring God, keeping his commandments and merit the same eulogies, as individual persons, that have come to this good, saintly soul today, is my prayer, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

MRS. IDA SMOOT DUSENBERRY

Sister Smith has written the last page in the book of this mortal life, and I am very sure if each one of us could take that book and turn it, us could take that until the very first, when she first started to write this history, there would be some deed of charity or some beautiful thing on each page that would win a reward, each page that would win a reward, and it would set an example to us, that we would be very proud to have known her. For nearly nine years, I have worked

For nearly nine years, I have worked with Sister Smith, and every day I thank my heavenly Father that he has given me this blessing. I can't tell you how much I appreciate it. I shall never forget about one of the last conversations I had with Sister Smith, when we were talking of business. Some sister had written me and said that her daughter had been buried with not exactly the proper clothing; there had been some misclothing: there had been some mistake made; and in the anguish of her heart sho wrote and said, "O, what shall I do?" I talked to Sister Smith about this, and I think I received about the most beautiful reply and the most beautiful reply and the most beautiful reply and the most touching one I could have imagined. Sister Smith said: "Write back and tell that sister not to grieve." She said: "I had a boy, and grieve." She said: "I had a boy, and he was likely buried, if he was buried at all, in the clothes that God and nature clothed him with, and I feel in my heart that that boy is waiting each day, with his father, for me to come. It will never deprive him of one single blessing. He was certainly in the Lord's work, and the Lord will take care of his own." It was so pathetic and such a conifort to me to see what a broad view she took of things. I want to testify here today pathetic and such a confort to me to see what a broad view she took of things. I want to testify here today that in the meetings, while she has been aged now for some time, the weight of years has been on her, yet it was beautiful to see in our meet-ings, when there would be some rather weighty question to consider, she was always there with the spirit of the Lord on her face, and she knew just exactly how to settle the question. It seemed to me one of the greatest It seemed to me one of the testimonies of my life. Another thing that I have been so grateful for: I have been, so many times, with her when she has testified of the Prophet Joseph and his mission; and it seems to me I have never in my life seen anything so beautiful as when sho

true prophet of God;

ment carried with it such a convinc-ing testimony to every one that I did not think any one was ever under the sound of her voice but what was af-

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